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Amendment 1

June 10, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AS-NEEDED UNDERGROUND TANK CERTIFICATION
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve an amendment to Contract No. 73588 with Redwine-Manley Testing Services, Incorporated, located in Bakersfield, California, for certification, monitoring, and testing of various Public Works underground storage tanks to extend the Contract from August 7, 2004, through December 31, 2004, at the current contract rates.
2. Authorize Public Works to encumber an additional \$35,000 for the five additional months of "As-Needed Underground Tank Certification" services, increasing the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$221,360 to \$256,360, plus 15 percent for additional, unforeseen services that may be required within the scope of work.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On August 7, 2001, Synopsis 42, your Board awarded Contract No. 73588 to Redwine-Manley Testing Services, Incorporated, to provide certification, monitoring, and testing of nearly 60 Public Works Underground Storage Tank (UST) locations,

50 motor fuel dispensing facilities, and several nondispensing fuel storage sites. In addition, Redwine-Manley Testing Services, Incorporated, is to respond to as-needed service station maintenance requests to reinforce existing Public Works site maintenance programs, in accordance with all Federal, State, and local regulatory UST compliance issues. On February 3, 2004, Synopsis 29, your Board also approved a supplement increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$96,360 to \$221,360 in order to compensate the contractor for services provided to the Sheriff's Department.

Effective January 1, 2005, amendments to Senate Bill 989 will require certification, licensing, and training of UST operators, installers, service technicians, inspectors, and facility employees. To ensure our ability to comply with the new provisions of Senate Bill 989, and all Federal, State, and local regulatory UST compliance issues, Public Works is developing and will submit to the Board for award by January 1, 2005, three new service contracts for UST regulatory testing, UST operator, and UST maintenance and repair. As an interim measure, Public Works is requesting to extend this Contract until December 31, 2004, to ensure that there is no interruption in service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. This contract will improve internal operations through the utilization of this contractor's expertise to effectively provide additional services in a timely and responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funds are included in Public Works' 2004-05 Internal Service Fund budget to cover the cost of the five-month contract extension. There will be no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon your Board's delegation of authority and approval as to form by County Counsel, the contractor and the Director will execute the enclosed amendment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This amendment will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

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CONCLUSION

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**SAMPLE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT 73588
AS-NEEDED UNDERGROUND TANK CERTIFICATION**

This AMENDMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2004, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a subdivision of the State of California, a body corporate and politic, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and REDWINE-MANLEY TESTING SERVICES, INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR".

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS: Contract No. 73588 (Contract) was entered into between the County and Contractor, on August 7, 2001, for underground tank certification services at various sites for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS: Public Works desires that these services be extended for an additional five months at the current contract rates; and

WHEREAS: Contractor is willing to perform the work at those rates for the additional period; and

WHEREAS: The County has adopted additional requirements since the approval of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Contract as follows:

FIRST: The Contractor will provide underground tank certification services at various sites for the Department of Public Works at the rates specified in the Contract for an additional five-month period commencing August 7, 2004, through December 31, 2004.

SECOND: The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in the County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is attached and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

THIRD: The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's Safely Surrendered Baby Law poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

FIFTH: Contractor shall not perform or accept work requests from the Contract Manager or any other person that will cause the Maximum Contract Sum of this Contract to be exceeded. Contractor shall monitor the balance of this Contract's Maximum Contract Sum. When the total of the Contractor's paid invoices, invoices pending payment, invoices yet to be submitted, and ordered services reaches 75 percent of the Maximum Contract Sum, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contract Manager in writing.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Director of Public Works, and the Contractor has hereunto subscribed its name by and through its officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the day, month, and year hereinabove first written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

REDWINE-MANLEY TESTING SERVICES,
INCORPORATED

By _____
Its President

By _____
Its Secretary

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No shame.

No blame.

No names.

**Newborns can be safely given up
at any Los Angeles County
hospital emergency room or fire station.**



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1-877-222-9723

www.babysafe1a.org



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Rita Saenz, Director



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This initiative is also supported by First 5 LA and INFO LINE of Los Angeles

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, workers will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so long as the parent gives the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin peligro.

**Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados
en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de
cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos
del Condado de Los Angeles.**



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Esta iniciativa también está apoyada por First 5 LA y INFO LINE de Los Angeles.

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura, dentro de los tres días del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles, al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

**Cada recién nacido merece una
oportunidad de tener una vida saludable.
Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando
en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele
qué otras opciones tiene.**

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.